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City Construction Projects in Irvington “Kick-Off” With Community Forum

Fremont, CA – March 31, 2004 – The City of Fremont will host a community meeting on **April 8, 2004**, to discuss construction activities currently in progress or soon to start in the Irvington District area. The five construction projects include: the Fremont Boulevard Widening, Washington Boulevard Widening, Osgood Road Street Improvements, Roberts Avenue Street Improvements, and the Washington Grade Separation. Residents will have an opportunity to learn about construction impacts resulting from these projects, while the City will have an opportunity to listen to concerns and answer questions.

“The Washington Grade Separation is important because it will strengthen the City’s capacity to accommodate the BART extension to Warm Springs and to support a potential future Irvington BART station. The remaining projects will provide increased roadway capacity thereby easing peak hour congestion and improving safety,” said Laura Gonzalez-Escoto, Acting Director of Housing and Redevelopment. “Other improvements include new curbs, gutters, sidewalks and, in some cases, median landscaping. When all improvement projects are completed, traffic circulation and the pedestrian retail environment will be greatly enhanced.”

Anyone interested in learning more about project benefits and impacts are encouraged to attend the upcoming community meeting, which will be held on Thursday, April 8, 2004, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Irvington Community Center located at 41885 Blacow Road. For more information or questions about the meeting, please call Irvington Project Manager, Eva Terrazas, at 510-494-4531, or email her at eterrazas@ci.fremont.ca.us.

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The City of Fremont (population 208,600) is the 4th largest city in the San Francisco Bay Area and is located in Silicon Valley just north of San Jose along the I-880 and I-680 corridors. Fremont is actively responding to the housing crisis facing Bay Area cities by working to stimulate affordable housing production, preserve existing affordable housing, and improve its current housing. The City of Fremont Office of Housing and Redevelopment is committed to preserve and support the development of quality, affordable housing throughout the City of Fremont.